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## **KDHE Budget Initiatives**

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### **Immunization Funding**

To increase immunization rates, expand the WIC partnership and accelerate the timetable for adoption of the Kansas Immunization Registry. A new allocation of \$584,000 in State General Funds would be used to expand the WIC/KDHE partnerships to five additional areas of the state with low immunization rates, and to add an additional immunization registry trainer to the registry staff. The above amount takes into account \$180,000 budgeted for costs associated with converting existing immunization data from the local health departments.

### **Pilot Comprehensive Workplace Wellness Program**

Implement a three-year comprehensive workplace wellness program for KDHE employees. KDHE is proposing a financially low-risk pilot aimed at demonstrating that investing in a comprehensive workplace wellness program will result in a net positive return-on-investment. This outcome falls squarely within the goals of the Governor's Healthy Kansas Initiative, and would serve as an excellent model and tool for the rest of the state and for Kansas businesses. The total cost would be \$300,000 for the three-year period.

### **Newborn Screening**

Expand newborn screening in the state's mandatory newborn metabolic screening program. National experts and the March of Dimes recommend that all newborns now be screened at birth for 28 rare, but treatable, inborn metabolic conditions. The recommended list of conditions is limited to those for which both a reliable test and effective treatment are available.

Implementing an expanded newborn screening program utilizing Tandem Mass Spectrometry screening technology will require \$1,300,206 in new total annual funding. A fee of approximately \$30 per screening kit (1 for each live birth) would be assessed to fund the additional laboratory and follow-up costs, generating \$1,170,000 per year. An additional \$191,000 SGF is requested to help cover new treatment costs.